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DECLARATION OF ALEXANDER DICKINSON UNDER 37 CFR § 1.131

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

I, Alexander Dickinson, declare the following:

1. I am a co-inventor of the above-identified patent application, serial No. 09/666,377. This patent application claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C §119(e) from U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/154,734, filed 20 September 1999, entitled "*SECURE SITE FOR INTERNET TRANSACTIONS*."
2. I have read and I am familiar with the Office Action mailed 28 June 2004 pertaining to this application.
3. I understand that in the Office Action mailed 28 June 2004 the Examiner rejected claims 1-11 as obvious over U.S. Patent No. 6,691,232 issued to Wood et al. ("*Wood*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,401,206 issued to Khan et al. ("*Khan*"). I also understand that in the Office Action mailed 28 June 2004 the Examiner rejected claims 12-42 as anticipated by *Wood*. A copy of the *Wood* patent is attached as Exhibit A.
4. I have read and I am familiar with the *Wood* patent. It is my understanding that the *Wood* patent was filed on 5 August 1999 and issued on 10 February 2004.

5. I invented the subject matter of the claims of the present application prior to 5 August 1999.

6. Attached as Exhibit B is a copy of a Record of Invention and Invention Disclosure prepared in anticipation of filing the provisional application, Serial No. 60/154,734, to which the present application claims priority. This exhibit evidences that I, as a co-inventor had conceived of, disclosed in confidence, and diligently sought patent protection for, the subject matter both claimed in the present application and disclosed in the present and provisional applications prior to 5 August 1999.


7. For example, page 6 of the Record of Invention and Invention Disclosure summarizes and evidences the conception of the invention in the application Serial No. 60/154,734 to which the present application claims priority. The disclosure summarized on these pages evidences the conception of the invention of the provisional application, to which the present application claims priority, before 5 August 1999. Specifically, the disclosure shows a private cryptographic system with a plurality of private keys stored on a secure server. Such a system performs cryptographic functions for each user associated with a private key. The invention was pursued diligently, as evidenced by the filing of Serial No. 60/154,734 provisional patent application on 20 September 1999. In addition, the work was performed in the United States.

8. Furthermore, attached as Exhibit C is a copy of an invoice from the law firm of Knobbe Martens Olsen and Bear LLP (Knobbe). This exhibit evidences that I, as co-inventor of the present application, had conceived of and diligently sought patent protection for the subject matter claimed presently and disclosed in the provisional application prior to 5 August 1999.

9. For example, the invoice evidences that I diligently sought patent protection for provisional application Serial No. 60/154,734 to which the present application claims priority. The bills summarized on these pages evidences the disclosure of the invention of the parent invention before 5 August 1999. Specifically, on page 9 of invoice 306061 the invoice evidences that Knobbe performed work for matter number WHOVIS.018A. The exhibit shows that during this time Knobbe had disclosure materials and began to draft the patent application prior to 5 August 1999. It further shows the attorney at Knobbe was in possession of an enabling disclosure in regard to the provisional application to which the present application claims priority.

prior to 5 August 1999. Page 2 of invoice No. 303324, further summarizes and evidences that an attorney prepared for and held a meeting with me, Alexander Dickinson, to "discuss new trusted portal" concept. The phrase "new trusted portal" refers to the subject matter of the provisional and present applications. This meeting was held prior to 5 August 1999.

10. All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, the statements were made with knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issuing thereon.


Inventor: Alexander Dickinson

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